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CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
DUBLIN CASTLE,
28th July, 1917.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, forwarding, for submission to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Forty-ninth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records and Keeper of the State Papers in Ireland.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed), E. O'FARRELL.

The Deputy Keeper,
Public Record Office of Ireland,
Four Courts, Dublin.

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DEPUTY KEEPER OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS AND KEEPER OF THE STATE PAPERS IN IRELAND.

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE BARON WIMBORNE,

LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I respectfully beg to submit my Report, under the direction of the Right Honourable the Master of the Rolls, and pursuant to the 24th section of the Public Records (Ireland) Act, 1867, on the proceedings had during the year 1916 in connection with the Public Records of Ireland.

1. The work of this Department continues to be seriously affected by the continuation of the War. Several members of the Staff joined His Majesty's Forces, as stated in the Forty-eighth Report, paragraphs 1 and 2. The survivors are still serving, and I am happy to report that they suffered no casualty during the year 1916.

2. Mr. Harold Thorp, a Class I. clerk, who had enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps, was specially mentioned for his distinguished service.

3. Mr. M. J. Byrne, solicitor, Listowel, who had deposited here a volume containing sixty-four Kerry maps made in the year 1697, was furnished, under Treasury sanction, with official copies of these maps without payment of any fees.

4. This Office was occupied by the Sinn Féiners during the Dublin Rebellion, 24th—30th April. The furniture, library books and Records were used to barricade the office windows and some of the gates in the courtyards.

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5. The Military recovered possession on Sunday, the 30th April. I inspected the Office and courtyards on the following day, and got special permission from the Garrison Adjutant, Dublin Castle, to bring in the Staff to replace the Records, books and furniture that had been removed. The furniture and windows had suffered considerable damage, and the bindings of several books belonging to the office library had been injured; but the Records had suffered very little damage, and the loss to them was practically nil.

6. The Staff began to assemble on the 2nd May, and came here in constantly increasing numbers on the following days: everything was restored to its place in three days. This was extremely fortunate, as it rained heavily for several days, commencing on the 5th May, and books or documents not protected from the storm would have been badly injured.

I am very pleased to testify to the efficient and untiring zeal of every member of the Staff in this trying emergency.

7. The Office was open to the public on and after the 4th May, and although there was some discomfort until the completion of the necessary repairs, work went on without a single hitch.

8. A thorough examination was made of the Records, and it was very gratifying to find that the entire absolute loss was represented by the Will of a soldier. A few other documents were found missing, but it was possible to procure substitutes for them, and in these cases there was no absolute loss. A detailed list of these Records is printed as an Appendix to this Report.

9. The issue of a "Guide to the Records in the Public Record Office of Ireland," and the reprinting of the "Calendars of Fiants of the reigns of Henry VIII., Edward VI., Philip and Mary, and Elizabeth" have been delayed owing to the absence of the members of the Staff serving with His Majesty's Forces, and also by the Dublin fire of April, 1916, which destroyed the premises of the Government Printers. The completion of these Publications will be hurried on as fast as the stringent circumstances of the times will permit.

RECEIPT OF RECORDS.

There were received during the year:—

10. From the Office of the Accountant-General:—

Inland Revenue Duty; Stays and Removals, 1893-4.
Lodgment and Payment Schedules, with Index, 1893-4.

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11. From the Crown and Hanaper Office, Chancery Division :—

Ad Quod Damnum, Warrant for Writ of, 1893.
Assize and Association, Warrants for Commissions of, 1891-5.
Commissioners for Oaths, Petitions and Warrants for Appointment of, with Oaths, 1891-5.
Coroners, Warrants and Writs to Elect and Supersede, 1891-5.
Day Books, 1863-82.
Elections (General), Proclamations, Orders in Council and Warrants for, 1892, 1895.
Justices of the Peace, Warrants for, 1891-5.
,, ,, ,, Warrants to reinstate and supersede, 1891-5.
,, ,, ,, Writs of Dedimus for, 1891-5.
,, ,, ,, (All Ireland), Warrants and Writs of Dedimus for, 1891.
,, ,, ,, (Town), Warrants and Writs of Dedimus for, 1891-5.
Lord Chancellor, Patents appointing Commissioners of Great Seal in absence of, 1886-95.
Lords Justices, Commissions to swear in, 1886-95.
,, ,, Patents appointing, in absence of Lord Lieutenant, 1886-95.
,, ,, Warrants for Commissions to swear, 1891-5.
Lunacy, Commissions and Inquisitions in, 1892-5.
,, Mittimus and Transcripts in, 1891-4.
,, Orders, etc., 1891-5.
Magistrates (Divisional), Warrants and Writs of Dedimus for, 1890-5.
,, (Resident), Warrants and Writs of Dedimus for, 1891-5.
Members of Parliament, copy Writs of election of, and Returns, 1890-5.
,, ,, ,, Warrants for Writs for election of, 1886-95.
Notaries Public, Petitions and Warrants for Appointment of, with Oaths, 1891-5.
Oaths of Barristers, Roll of, 1891-3.
Oyer and Terminer, Commissions of, Warrants for, 1892, 1895.
Peace Book, 1837-65.
Peers (Representative), Writs for election of, and Returns, 1891-5.
Proclamations, Draft, 1894-5.
,, ,, and Orders to Seal, 1877-80.
Queen's Counsel, Writs of Dedimus for, 1891-5.
,, ,, Warrants for, 1891-5.

12. From the Consolidated Taxing Office :—

Attendance Book (Master Teeling), 1878.
Certifying Cost Book (Master Coffey), 1894-5.
,, ,, ,, (Master Mathews), 1894-5.
Costs, Certified (Master Coffey), 1895.
,, ,, (Master Coffey), Solicitor and Client, 1895.
,, ,, (Master Davis), 1895.
,, ,, (Master Davis), Solicitor and Client, 1895.
,, ,, (Master Mathews), 1895.
,, ,, (Master Mathews), Solicitor and Client, 1895.
Receipt Books for Costs, 1894-5.

13. From the King's Bench Division (Probate), Principal Registry :—

Affidavits leading to Citations, 1894-5.
,, of Scripts, 1894-5.
Appearance Book, General, 1892-5.
Bespeak Book (Rules Office), 1893-5.
Caveat Book, 1895.

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Contentious Papers, 1894-5.
Day Book, 1895.
Grant Books, 1895.
,, ,, (District), 1895.
Judgment Book, 1894-5.
Judgments, 1895.
Matrimonial Cause Papers, 1894-5.
Orders (Court), 1895.
Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1895.
Rule Book (Court), 1895.
,, ,, (Registrar's), 1895.
Schedules, 1895.
Stamp Office Certificates, 1893-5.
Will Books, 1895.
,, ,, (District), 1895.
Wills, 1895.
,, (Soldiers'), 1895.
,, (Unproved), 1895.

14. From the Armagh District Probate Registry :—

Caveats, 1895.
Grant Book (Probates), 1895.
,, ,, (Intestacies), 1895.
,, ,, (Admons., Wills annexed), 1895.
Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1895.

15. From the Ballina District Probate Registry :—

Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1895.

16. From the Belfast District Probate Registry :—

Calendar to Wills and Admons., 1889-95.
Caveats, 1894-5.
Grant Book (Admons., Wills annexed), 1895.
,, ,, (Admons., De Bonis Non), 1895.
,, ,, (Intestacies), 1895.
,, ,, (Probates), 1895.
Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1895.

17. From the Cavan District Probate Registry :—

Caveats, 1894.
Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1894.

18. From the Cork District Probate Registry :—

Grant Book (Admons., Wills annexed), 1892-5.
,, ,, (Intestacies), 1892-5.
,, ,, (Probates), 1892-5.
Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1895.

19. From the Kilkenny District Probate Registry :—

Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1895.

20. From the Limerick District Probate Registry :—

Caveat Book, 1890-4.
Grant Book (Admons., Wills annexed), 1892-5.
,, ,, (Intestacies), 1892-5.
,, ,, (Probates), 1892-5.
Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1894-5.

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21. From the Londonderry District Probate Registry :—

Caveats, 1895.
Grant Book (Intestacies), 1892-5.
Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1895.

22. From the Mullingar District Probate Registry :—

Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1895.

23. From the Tuam District Probate Registry :—

Caveats, 1895.
Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1895.

24. From the Waterford District Probate Registry :—

Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1895.

25. From the Crown and Peace Office of the County of Fermanagh :—

Accounts (Enniskillen Gas Company), 1888-91, 1894.
Appeals to Assizes, 1894.
Arms Licences, lists of Applicants for, 1883-4, 1889-91.
Bills of Sale, Abstracts of, 1879, 1884-94.
Civil Bill Papers, 1888-94.
Crown Book at Assizes, 1894.
,, Books at Assizes (Court Books), 1849-79.
,, Cases for trial at Quarter Sessions and Assizes, Returns of, 1891.
,, Files at Assizes, 1881-94.
,, Files at Quarter Sessions, 1894.
Jurors' Books (General and Special), 1894.
,, Lists, 1894.
Letter Book, 1881-91.
Loan Fund Rules, 1881-94.
Maps, Plans, Awards, 1890-1.
Prosecutions by Crown Solicitor at Assizes, Returns of, 1880-6.
Prosecutions by Sessional Crown Solicitor at Sessions, Returns of, 1880-6.
Publicans' Licence Notices, Lists, etc., 1888-93.
Renewal Affidavits, 1894.
Voters' Lists, etc., 1894.
,, Register, 1894.

26. From the Crown and Peace Office of the County and City of Londonderry :—

Account (Coleraine Harbour Commissioners), 1887.
,, following Assizes, 1894.
Appeals to Assizes, 1895.
Civil Bill and Ejectment Books (Recorder's), 1895.
,, Books, 1895.
,, Cases (Recorder's Note Books), 1892-5.
,, Papers, 1895.
Constables (High), Election Papers, 1895.
Correspondence and Returns, 1892-5 (one of 1896).
Crown Book at Assizes, 1895.
,, Files at Assizes, 1895.
,, Files at Quarter Sessions, 1895.
Deputy Lieutenants' Qualification and Appointment Papers, 1895.
Ejectment Books, 1892-5.
Equity Civil Bill Books, 1895.
,, Minute Books, 1892-5.
,, Note Books (Recorder's), 1894-5.

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Fishery Paper, 1888.
Judicial and Criminal Statistics, papers as to compilation of, 1895.
Jurors' Books, 1895.
,, Lists, 1895-6.
Lodgment Dockets and Solicitors' Answers as to Money lodged, 1892-5.
Magistrates' and Cess Payers' Declarations, 1895.
Maps, Plans, Awards, 1888, 1895.
Payments by Order (Equity, etc.), 1878-95.
Payments by Order, Receipts for, 1894-5.
Presentment Books, 1895.
Presentment Papers, 1895.
Process Servers' Books, 1886-95.
Publicans' Licence Papers, 1895.
Receipt Book (County Court), 1893-5.
Renewal Affidavits, 1895.
Sale, Register of Bills of, 1895.
Voters' Registers, Lists, Claims, etc., 1895.
Voters' Registration Appeal Papers, 1895.
Witnesses' Expenses, Certificates (Assizes and Sessions), 1893-4.

27. From the Office of the Paymaster-General :—

Consolidated Fund and Deposits, Detail Books, 1886-92.
Deposits, Consolidated Fund, and Superannuations, Detail Books, 1892-4.
,, Detail Books, 1894-1912.
Miscellaneous Votes, Detail Books, 1884-1912.
Royal Irish Constabulary, Detail Books, 1884-1911.
Superannuation, Temporary Commissions, and Consolidated Fund, Detail Books, 1894-1912.

28. From the Department of Woods, Forests and Land Revenues there were received 251 Deeds affecting the rights of the Crown. They consist of 212 conveyances of Quit and Crown Rents, 14 conveyances of Crown Property, and 25 Certificates of Apportionment of Crown Rent under the Irish Land Act of 1903.

29. The following Note Books were received from the Right Honourable Mr. Justice Gibson, King's Bench Division, under Section 16 of the Act 30 and 31 Vic., c. 70, viz. :—

Judge's Note Books (Mr. Justice Gibson, King's Bench) :—
Circuit, King's Bench, North Louth Election Petition (1911), and Railway and Canal Commission (1903), (red books), 1888-1911.
Circuit and Nisi Prius, (black books), 1888-1912.

ARRANGEMENT AND PRESERVATION OF RECORDS.

30. The collection of Records of the diocese of Dublin, received from the Land Commission, has been thoroughly examined and re-arranged.

31. Chancery Replications and Rejoinders are being separated, made into files, re-labelled with parchment labels, and stamped. Of these, 26 bundles containing 171 files have been dealt with.

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32. Lodgment and Payment Schedules, 1893-4, from the Office of the Accountant-General, have been checked, arranged, parcelled and labelled.

33. Exchequer Pleadings (Equity), exclusive of Bills and Answers, 1643-1825, have been arranged into years.

Considerable trouble has been taken to identify a collection of fragments of Equity-Exchequer Pleadings, 1670-1750. Some of these fragments have been restored to their proper series; others have been attached to the defective Records from which they had been torn, and in many cases it has thus been possible to complete defective Records.

34. The Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1894, have been checked, stamped, and arranged in dictionary order.

35. Contentious Papers for portion of the year 1894 have been checked, flattened, stamped and arranged in dictionary order; and collections of these papers for several years, which had not been restored to their proper series, have now been interpolated; and Affidavits of Scripts, 1858-70, have been wrapped in brown paper and re-labelled.

36. The flattening and classifying of a small remnant of a former transfer from the office of the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, co. Kerry, have been commenced.

37. The Records in Bay 1A have been completely re-labelled. Portions of the Records in six other Bays have been re-labelled.

38. Twenty-eight bundles of Patents for Inventions have been stamped.

39. Two Chancery Bills, 4 Chancery Fiants, 48 leaves of the Chancery Bill Book for 1691-1715, 2 Exchequer Bills, 5 Exchequer Answers, 2,282 Census Returns, 200 leaves of the Register of the parish of Dromore, and 38 leaves of the parish of Ballyeaston have been repaired. Three Ordnance Maps have been mounted on linen and repaired; and Rocque's Map of the City and Suburbs of Dublin, 1756, has been repaired, mounted on linen, and framed.

40. Four volumes of Parish Registers have been re-bound; 36 volumes of miscellaneous Records and 27 volumes of the Census of 1851 have been bound; of the same Census 76 volumes have been partially bound, and 43 volumes have been checked and made ready for binding.

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INDEXING AND CALENDARING.

41. All the material for the "Guide to the Records in the Public Record Office of Ireland" has been collected, with the exception of the portion dealing with the various collections of Diocesan Records, which are now being arranged: the work is, therefore, practically ready for printing.

42. A Calendar to the Exchequer Memorandum Roll, *a.r.j.* Hen. IV., by Mr. Chart, has been completed.

43. A Calendar has been prepared by Mr. J. F. Morrissey, Assistant Keeper, to portion of the Justiciary Roll (*Placita*), *a.r.vj. & vij.*, Ed. II.

44. New Indexes to the collection of the Crown Office, King's Bench, and to the Crown and Peace Office collection, co. Clare, have been finished and engrossed.

45. A new copy of the Detailed Index to the Census Returns for the years 1821-51 has been completed.

46. A Draft Index to the portions of Master Murphy's leases, which have been discovered, has been completed: Indexes to 20 Chancery Order Books have been checked.

47. Progress has been made towards making the Consolidated Index to the Calendars of Wills, Grants of Probates, Administrations, etc., for the years 1878-97. The names of the deceased, with the Registries and dates, have been extracted from the Calendars for 1885-90, inclusive, and from portions of the Calendars for 1891-3.

PRINTING OF CALENDARS, INDEXES AND RECORDS.

48. Previous to the rebellion of Easter, 1916, a portion of the "Guide to the Records in the Public Record Office of Ireland" had been set up in type to the extent of twenty-two galleys: this type was destroyed in the fire which consumed the premises of the Government Printers. The portion of the manuscript dealing with the Records of the Plea side of the King's Bench and of the Common Pleas was destroyed at the same time, and it became necessary to re-write it. There was no difficulty in providing the Printers with duplicates of the first twenty-two galleys, and fourteen of these have now been re-set, but further printing has been delayed at the request of the Stationery Office, on account of circumstances connected with the War.

49. Similarly, 209 pages of a reprint of the "Calendar of

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the Fiants of the reign of Queen Elizabeth" had been set up in type; this type was destroyed, and the further printing of the work has also been delayed.

PROCEEDINGS UNDER PAROCHIAL RECORDS ACTS.

50. The Records of the following Parish have been received during the year:—

Parish.	County.	Vols.	Baptisms.	Marriages.	Burials.
Kilmalkedar ...	Kerry	3	1831–1914	1836–43	1843–1901

51. One Register of the Parish of Clonbroney, and two Registers of the Parish of Seapatrick, were re-bound in this Office during the year.

52. A new safe having been provided in the Parish of Donaghendry, the Registers were permitted to remain in local custody under the existing Order.

53. A volume belonging to the Parish of Ballyboy, containing entries of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials from 1710 to 1792, was discovered by Lieut.-Colonel M. W. Biddulph, of Rathrobin, Tullamore, and deposited in this Office.

54. Annual Reports upon the Registers in local custody were received from all the Parishes where Records are in local custody under Retention Orders. 638 Retention Orders have now been signed, of which 605 are still in operation.

SEARCH ROOM.

55. The Stamps for fees on copies and inspections of Records during the year 1916 amounted to £983 9s. 0d., as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Inspections (2,652)	132	12	0
Copies (447 folios), at 1s.	22	7	0
,, (32,911 folios), at 6d.	822	15	6
,, Maps (7)	3	7	6
,, Countermanded before examination ...	0	5	0
Attendance (1)	2	2	0
	£983	9	0

In addition to the above, fees to the amount of £14 17s. 6d., on copies required by Public Departments, and a fee of £2 2s. 0d. for attendance in Court, were remitted.

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56. Inspections and Searches on behalf of Public Departments have been made, without fees, as follows :—

Inland Revenue	12,420
Local Government Board, Ireland	208
Local Government Board, Scotland	189
Local Government Board, England	82
Quit Rent Office	154
Ulster King of Arms	177
Board of Public Works...	52
Congested Districts Board	11
Estate Duty Office	15
Other Offices	32
Total	13,340

57. Certificates to the number of 204 were granted for inspection of Records for literary purposes. Under these 7,070 volumes, records and files were produced for literary readers during the year.

Among the subjects of investigation may be mentioned :—

General Ecclesiastical History; Histories of the Dioceses of Clogher, Cloyne, Leighlin, Ossory, Waterford and Lismore; Histories of the Parishes of Desertmartin, Loughinisland, St. Catherine's (Dublin), St. Patrick's French Church (Dublin); Histories of the Counties of Cork, Kildare, Limerick, Louth, Tyrone, Wicklow; Histories of the Baronies of Eliogarty, Moycashel; Histories of the towns of Waterford, Thurles; Histories of Elizabethan and Commonwealth periods, of Irish Municipal Government, of Irish violin-makers, of the Augustinian Order, of the Dominican Order, of Ballycarbery Castle, of Local printing and early provincial newspapers, of Education in Cork at the beginning of the nineteenth century, of Connaught Transplantation, of Irish Martyrs of the sixteenth century, of early Emigrants to America, of the connection of Ambrose Philips with Ireland; Heraldic History; Irish Economic History; Histories of the families of Arbuckle, Austin, Barron, Barry, Bathe, Bowen, Boyd, Braddell, Brady, Brett, Burke, Cavanagh, Chapman, Chittick, Cowell, Cronin, Cunningham, D'Arcy, Dawson, Derenzy, Dixon, Dowdall, Downer, Dunsterville, Edwards, Emmett, Eiffe, Evans, Fitzgerald, Fleming, Fowler, French, Fuller, Gibson, Gubbins, Guinness, Heard, Heighington, Heron, Hillman, Hindo, Houston, Howard, Irwin, Jackson, Jeffries, Kearney, Kelly, Kennedy, Lalor, Lanktree, Lantry, Ledly, Lloyd, Loane, Longfield, Lucy, MacCarthy, McClellan, McCowell, MacSwiney, Magee, Mahony, Mathews, Moate, O'Callaghan, O'Doherty, O'Flahertie, O'Gorman, O'Neale, O'Ryan, Paine, Percival, Peppard, Richards, Ridgeway, Ringwood, Roberts, Rooke, Ryan, Scott, Shaughnessy, Smith, Smyth, Somerville, Stewart, Stokes, Swan, Taaffe, Thundor, Tickell, Toler, Tottenham, Vicars, Ward, Weekes, and Whinrey.

58. Donations to the Library have been received from :—

The Keeper of the Records, Scotland, three volumes of Record Publications.
Martin J. Blake, Esq., B.L., the author, "An Old Lynch Manuscript" (continued).
Major J. J. Crooks, two numbers of "The Royal Engineers' Journal," part 4, 1915, and part 1, 1916.
J. R. Garstin, Esq., D.L., "List of Documents transferred from Armagh Diocesan Registry to the Public Record Office, Ireland."

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C. J. MacGarry, Esq., LL.D., "Principles of the Law of Real Property," by Williams, 1892, seventeenth edition; and "The Green Book," by Vance.

T. J. Westropp, Esq., the author, several Irish topographical and folk-lore pamphlets, 1916.

Il Signor L. Fumi, *Sopraintendente del R. Archivio di Stato in Milano, "l'Annuario di questo Archivio per l'anno* 1916."

STATE PAPER OFFICE.

59. The Government Books and Papers received during the year include :—

Chief Secretary's Office, Registered Papers of 1906 ...	84 boxes.
and Registers and Index thereto	3 vols.
Convict Papers, 1907	20 bundles.
,, Reference Book, 1879-1904	4 vols.
Criminal Index Book, 1879-1904	5 vols.
Convict Letter Books, 1878-1904	7 vols.
Commutations (Fines), 1879-1901	1 vol.
,, (Sentences), 1879-1901	1 vol.
Convicts' Ticket of Leave Books, 1875-98	2 vols.
Law Opinions, 1906	1 box.
Letter Books :—	
Country Letters, 1903-11	27 vols.
Government Correspondence (English Departments), 1900-11	9 vols.
Irish Departments, 1905-12	16 vols.
Civil Affairs Books (Warrants, etc.), 1854-92... ...	7 vols.
Ordnance Survey Maps, Co. Roscommon	5 cases.

60. The Chief Secretary's Office Papers have been checked and put up in cartons; the Registered Papers in cartons 4753-4816, and the Convict Papers in cartons 4817-4831.

The Maps and Books have been examined, labelled, and deposited.

61. The "State of the Country" Papers, excluded from the Official Papers, Second Series, have been arranged in chronological order, and put up in six cartons. They cover the period 1790-1808, and form an important addition to contemporary papers of this class.

62. Seventy-two pages (452-523) of the large MS. "State of the Country" Calendar have been indexed.

63. Further progress has been made with the arrangement and calendaring of the Official Papers, Second Series. The papers dealt with in 1916 occupy cartons 525-36, and cover the period, 1803-8.

64. Crown Solicitors' Accounts and Papers, 1815-39, have been catalogued. These documents have been extracted from various collections, and are now contained in seven cartons. They are part of a similiar collection for the years 1713-1848, already transferred to the Public Record Office.

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In 1842 the form of the Accounts became somewhat changed: Crown Solicitors then became salaried Officers, and ceased to be remunerated by "Bills of Costs."

65. Magistrates' (Officers of Municipal Corporations) Elections: Certificates and Papers, 1796-1842, similarly portion of a class for the years 1711-1816, already transferred to the Public Record Office, have been extracted from various collections and arranged: they occupy one carton.

66. The Registered Papers of the Chief Secretary's Office for the years 1818-20 have been extracted from various collections. They have been compared with the Registers, and now occupy 23 cartons (592-614).

Registration appears to have commenced in 1812, but the Registers previous to 1818 are now missing.

67. Detached portions of several series have been restored to their places; amongst these were papers belonging to the Registered Series, 1831-2, which filled five cartons.

68. The following Books and Papers have been entered up in the General Index or Catalogue, viz.:—

Records of the Primary Education Commission, 1868-70:—

Minute Books	3 vols.
Original Documents	3 Guard-books.

69. The work of thoroughly filling the cartons containing Papers of the Chief Secretary's Office has been continued. The Papers for 1831-44 have been cleaned, checked and placed in 374 cartons. They previously occupied 478 cartons, and the saving in space and boxes is more than 20 per cent.

70. The Searches for Government Departments during the year numbered 450.

Applications for permission to inspect certain State Papers, supposed to exist, were made by Rev. Canon Lindsay and Rev. R. H. Murray, but these Papers could not be found.

All which is humbly submitted to Your Excellency as my Report.

Dated at the Public Record Office, Dublin, this 25th day of July, 1917.

M. J. McENERY,

Deputy Keeper of the Records and Keeper of the State Papers in Ireland.

I humbly certify to your Excellency that this Report is made by the Deputy Keeper of the Records under my direction, pursuant to the Statute 30 and 31 Vic., c. 70.

CHARLES A. O'CONNOR,

M. R.

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APPENDIX.

Detailed list of the Records lost during the occupation of this Office by the Sinn Féiners in April, 1916, referred to in paragraph 8 of this Report.

(*a*) Wills proved in the Principal Probate Registry, Ireland, 1894.

Clibborn, James, Woodville, Sandford, Co. Dublin (*only a portion of his Will missing*).
Gelston, Hugh (Rev.), The Rectory, Kingscourt, Co. Cavan (*Will missing, but the papers recovered*).
George, Isabella, Farloe, Co. Londonderry.
George, Richard D'Olier, Cahore, Gorey, Co. Wexford.
Geraghty, Thomas, Clonard, Co. Meath.
Gethings, Edward D. H., Looceville, Crumlin, Co. Dublin.
Gleeson, Cornelius, Ballycommon, Co. Tipperary.
Glennon, Georgina, Moatefield, Clane, Co. Kildare.

(*b*) Copy Probates in case of Probates re-sealed in the Principal Probate Registry, Ireland, 1894.

Collings, Joseph, St. Peter's Port, Guernsey (Probate obtained, London).
Garside, Joseph, Carlton House, Worksop, Co. Nottingham (Probate obtained, London).
Gibb, Alexander, 82 Hill Street, Garnethill, Glasgow (Probate obtained, Glasgow).
Gillow, John, Lilystone Hall, Stock, Co. Essex (Probate obtained, London).

(*c*) Soldier's Will (unproved) lodged in the Principal Probate Registry, Ireland, 1884.

Watson, John. Private, 2nd Royal Irish Regiment: Will (No. 758) dated 1884; deposited in Principal Registry in 1884.

Certified copies of the wills specified in (*a*) have been made from the Will Books, Principal Probate Registry, Ireland; and certified copies of the Probates specified in (*b*) have been obtained from the Registries whence the Probates were originally obtained. These have been deposited as substitutes for the missing Records.

It has not been possible to obtain a copy of the Will specified in (*c*), and this represents the only absolute loss of a Record in April, 1916.

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